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TOPIC 1. Military Information from Magdeburg2. Military Traffic on the Magdeburg-Berlin Line

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 15 April, the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg was still occupied to capacity. There was intensive training activity and vehicular traffic, mostly of driving schools.

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2. On 15 April, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. There was intensive training activity. The motor vehicles were blocked up. The Seeckt Kaserne was only lightly occupied.

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3. On 17 April, the Anger Kaserne was fully lighted at dusk.

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A sedan

driven by

a soldier with black-bordered crimson epaulets was seen in town.¹

4. On 17 April, the following troop trains stood on railroad stations of the Magdeburg-Berlin line:

In Biederitz: 1 troop train.In Burg: 1 troop train of an undetermined number of flatcars with about 50 trucks

20 boxcars and 20 mortars.

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Guesen: a small train with about 15 trucks

4 guns.

Genthin: a train with trucks, 8 guns, prime movers with tank trailers and 13 boxcars.Kader: about 10 boxcars, 20 mortars of 120-mm and trucks.Brandenburg: about 50 trucks, 20 x 120-mm mortars and 15 boxcars.

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Gross-Kreuz: about 20 guns with prime movers.Wildpark: entrainment of about 20 guns with prime movers, about 30 trucks. More trucks arrived from the direction of Potsdam.²

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1. Comment. Units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div and the 3d Gds AAA Div were allegedly still in their quarters until 15 and 17 April respectively. Only the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG is believed to have had a rear detail in the Seco Kaserne. This confirms the previous assumption that the engineer troops which arrived in the area east of Rossau at the beginning of April belonged to this regiment.

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2. Comment. The trains are commented on as follows: The units observed in Burg, Kade and Brandenburg were probably elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div en route to Letzling Heath. All other trains are believed to have belonged to the 34th Arty Div (US) whose transfer from Potsdam to Altengrabow was reportedly made from 15 to 17 April 1953 in eight shipments. The train to Guesen was definitely the 34th Arty Div

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3. Comment.

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